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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with General Blake concerning his Appearance before the Senate Appropriations Committee

1. General Blake gave me a run down of his appearance before Senator Russell's Committee. He confirmed that Senator Russell had ordered no transcript be made of the record of his appearance. He said that he, Mr. Oliver Kirby and Col. Fallon would all dictate independently their impressions of significant points which developed during the course of the hearing and let us have a distillation of these impressions.

2. General Blake said that Senator Russell had made a number of observations indicating concern on his part with the size and organization of the Intelligence Community. Senator Russell gave some indication of an impression on his part that nobody was pulling the intelligence activities together. General Blake said that these were observations and that no direct questions were aimed at the elicitation of information concerning size or organization (General Carroll made the same point). He said that a number of members of the Committee made observations conveying their impressions of the Intelligence Community, its size, etc. Questions, however, for the most part were addressed to specific issues

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3. General Blake felt that the line of questioning indicated considerable lack of comprehension of intelligence programs and particularly the relations between DIA and NSA.

4. General Blake believes a presentation by the Director designed to educate members of the Congressional Committees concerned would be a good thing.

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